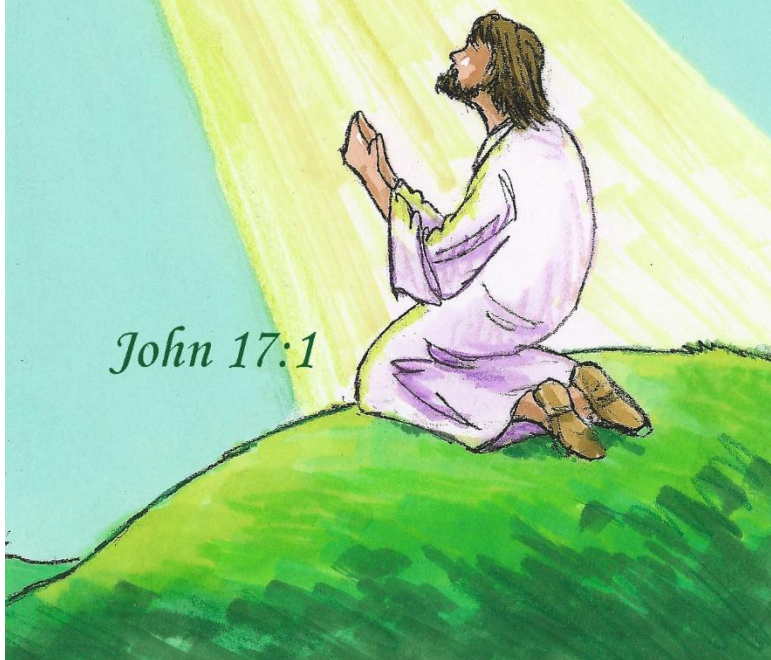


*...He looked up to heaven
and said, "Father, the
hour has come; glorify
your Son so that the
Son may glorify you".*

John 17:1



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

J S Bach

† Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

P: The glory of God has risen upon us!

L: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,

P: But God will rise upon us, and God's glory will appear over us.

L: The light of God is with us;

P: All the nations' leaders will be drawn to the light of God.

L: God's light now dwells with us;

P: Come, worship God, and shine God's light to the world!

All: To God be the glory; great things He has done! Amen!

† Hymn of Epiphany

#645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur
stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made

God's gracious mercy keepeth.

By morning glow or evening shade

God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your
part: to God all praise and glory!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us our stubbornness and our unrepentant hearts.
Forgive us when we are self-seeking and fail to follow the truth
and instead follow evil. We long to do what is good in Your sight.
Help us to obey Your commands, not just listen to them self-
righteously. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#150 (4)

As with Gladness Men of Old

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

We Are Singing, For The Lord Is Our Light (Zulu Freedom Song)

arr. H H Hopson

We are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy, the Lord will be our light.

One thing have we asked of the Lord, this is the thing we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 22:6–10 (NRSV)

“But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, ⁷ and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ ⁸ And I answered,

‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’ ⁹ And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.’

L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 111

#652

A Grateful Heart

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice in You, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands.
You feed the poor with gentle hands.
Your word is true, Your works are just;
in You, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love You set us free, and still You dwell in mystery.
With wisdom none can comprehend.
Your praise, O God, will never end.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** John 17:1–5 (NRSV)

After Jesus had spoken these words, He looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You, ² since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Hating God for His Glory

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Peace Offering

† **Doxology**

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey.

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door.

Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born.

Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Donna Jones*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 63

General Offering: \$2,825.25

Online Offering: \$601.44

Total Offering: \$3,426.69

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending January 15, 2026

Family of Jim Willis (Ryan Whitman's uncle)
Charlie (Lee McCloud's nephew)
Kenny McGill, Jr.

Week ending January 8, 2026

Jimmy Hall
Tim Hammond (Jeri Ward's nephew)
Angel Horn (Nanette)
Angie Lewis
Anette Murphy (David Murphy's mother)
Wayne Rice (Jimmy Hall)
Gail Rous

Week ending January 1, 2026

Family of Russell Bryan (Chris Payne)
Don Lilly
Betty Jean Phipps

Ongoing:

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Chris Payne</i>
<i>Christina Akers</i> <i>(Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Gretchen Dillon</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shephard</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Kenny McGill, Sr.</i>	
<i>Bob Miller</i>	

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K–4th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

➡ MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MLK luncheon, Noon
Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

➡ TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.
Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

➡ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

➡ THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

➡ SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

2025 Giving Statements

Please find your 2025 giving statement available for pickup in your church mailbox. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding your statement, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

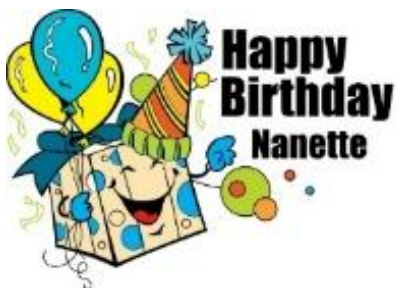


Take Note!

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, which will be held at the Ashland Transportation Center on **Monday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.** March to follow. First Presbyterian Church will once again be providing lunch for all participants following the MLK walk. The lunch service will begin at noon. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with lunch preparations, please contact Cathy Wilson. Thank you for supporting this event.

Nanette's Birthday Celebration



From weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters to emails, text messages, and so much in between, we are blessed to have Nanette in our church office. On **Sunday, January 25**, we will have the opportunity to thank her as we celebrate her birthday following morning

worship in the Narthex. Please join us at this celebration. Cards and words of gratitude are welcome.

Join us to celebrate love & ever-lasting friendship!

Galentine's Dinner

When?

Where?



Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Bethesda Community Hall

Childcare provided

RSVP by 2/8 in the Narthex or

text Kelly 606.923.7826

Hosted by the Membership Team

Dress Code: Red or Pink

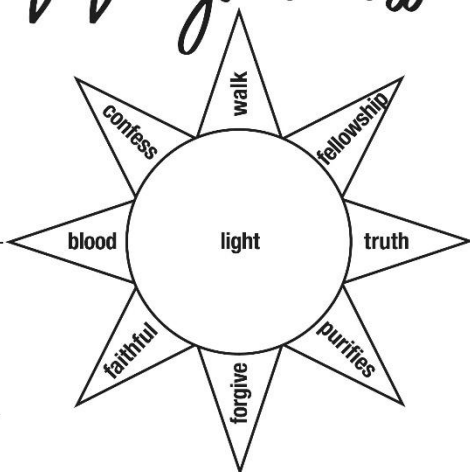


The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?

Directions:

Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.



But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____,
 we have _____ with one another, and the _____
 of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us.
 If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will
 _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2026	2027	2028
<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>
<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>
<i>*2nd term of service</i>		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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